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Marian Clinic Will Launch "ME AND MY BABY: PRENATAL DENTAL CARE"

Submitted by Carolyn Zimmerman

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Marian Clinic, Topeka, plans to provide dental screenings and oral health education for approximately 200 uninsured pregnant women at the Shawnee County Health Agency over the next 18 months. The program, "Me and My Baby: Prenatal Dental Care" is partially funded through a \$20,000 grant awarded by the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund. Follow-up care will be provided at Marian Clinic Dental at no cost to the women. Research indicates that hormonal changes during pregnancy can make the women more susceptible to oral and dental problems. Studies show that 75% of pregnant women have gingivitis, an early state of gum disease, which can affect the babies' birth weight and overall health. Women with untreated gingivitis during pregnancy are seven times more likely to give birth to a baby that is too early and too small. "Me and My Baby: Prenatal Dental Care" aims to reduce such risks and contribute to the family's awareness of good oral health practices.



KDHE RECEIVES GRANT

to Address Leading Cause of Death in Kansas



The Department and Health and Human Services' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recently announced that the State of Kansas will receive a CDC grant award for the prevention of heart disease and stroke for the first time. CDC's

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Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program now reaches 33 states (including the District of Columbia) funded to address high blood pressure and high blood cholesterol (major risk factors for heart disease and stroke), improve quality of care to prevent and manage heart disease and stroke, and improve emergency response to heart attacks and strokes (including educating people about signs and symptoms). Prevention and disease control can significantly reduce heart attacks and strokes, reduce deaths from these diseases, and decrease disability suffered by heart disease and stroke victims.

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in Kansas. Overall in Kansas, the average annual age-adjusted death rate for ischemic heart disease (ICD-10 codes I20-I25) from 1999-2000 among persons ages 35-74 years was 120.9 per 100,000, which is less than the national rate (146.5 in 1999). The rate for males was 2.4 times higher

than the rate for females (174.4 compared to 72.5, respectively). Among race subgroups, the rate for black Kansans was the highest, at 172.1, followed by whites at 122.1. The rate among persons of other races was substantially lower at 37.4. Among sex and race subgroups, the rate was highest among black males (217.5), followed by white males (177.8), black females (133.9), and white females (71.6).

The average annual age-adjusted death rate for cerebrovascular disease (ICD-10 codes I60-I69) among Kansans ages 35-74 years was 28.9 per 100,000 from 1999-2000, which is similar to the national rate of 32.9 in 1999. While the rates for males and females overall were very similar (30.9 compared to 27.1, respectively), there was considerable disparity in the rates by race. Overall, the age-adjusted rate for black Kansans was more than twice than the age-adjusted rate for white Kansans (60.5 compared to 28.1, respectively). As with ischemic heart disease, the highest death rate for cerebrovascular disease was among black males, at 73.2. The rate for black females was 50.7, followed by white males at 29.7, and white females at 26.6. Rates among persons of other races in Kansas were considerably lower, which is similar to the pattern seen in ischemic heart disease.

For more information about cardiovascular disease and stroke or the newly funded Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program please contact Deb Williams at dwilliam@kdhe.state.ks.us or at 785-291-3743.

Public Health Personnel Update

Tamara Wilcoxson, RN – has joined the staff at Scott County Health Department. Prior to working for the health department Tamara had worked for the Scott County Hospital for eight years.

Susie Heslop – has also joined the Scott County Health Department. She is the new office secretary.

Billie Payne – is the new Administrator at Cloud County



REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

Northeast: Next meeting September 11, 2003, at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference 4th Floor, Topeka, from 10am-3pm.

North Central: Next meeting is scheduled from 9:30am-3pm on October 28, 2003 at Jewel County. Please RSVP Marcia for a lunch count rchdhha@nckcn.com.

Northwest: Next meeting is October 9, 2003, from 10am-3pm at the Colonial Steak House, I70 and Highway 83 in Oakley. Please RSVP to Georgetta for a lunch count at 785-672-4502 or email at lgcohdgeorgetta@colbyweb.com.

Southwest: Meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2003, from 9am-3pm at the Garden City Library in Garden City.

Central KS: Next meeting is September 24, 2003, from 10am-3pm at the Reno County Health Department in Hutchinson.

South Central Coalition: Next meeting is September 17, 2003, from 9am-3pm at the Ambulance Barn in Pratt.

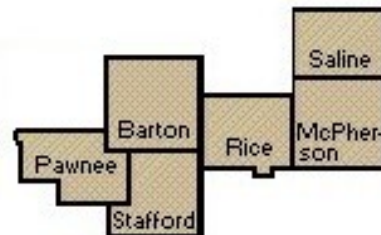
Southeast: Next meeting has not been set, check next month's addition of "Connections" for the date.

NEWS BRIEFS

Central Regional BT Group Meets



The Central Regional Bioterrorism (BT) Group consists of six counties (Barton, McPherson,



Pawnee, Rice, Saline and Stafford). Pawnee County has been appointed the fiscal agent for the new BT funding contract. The group meets monthly: sharing common goals, developing

measures to strengthen the infrastructure of the local health departments, smallpox planning, etc. The region is preparing to hire a regional coordinator in the near future.



HHS Policy Summit

By Pete Kinch



I recently attended a HHS Policy Summit meeting in Washington, DC dealing with the nation's health care informatics infrastructure at the request of the department's senior policy advisor on the development of the nation's health care information system infrastructure. The bulk of the participants were from the general medical community, with only a few of the regular public health voices attending. In fact, the question was asked as to why there wasn't broader public health participation. Both in the general meetings and the subcommittee work there was strong support for enhancement of the public health information infrastructure at the community level. I have argued that a state cannot have a strong public health information system infrastructure without a solid foundation at the community level. I had not previously heard such strong statements of support for public health as a key component of broader community health care information infrastructure.

I came away from the meeting with a strong sense that our vision for building a broad based community level public health information system support infrastructure in Kansas is heading the right direction. Yes, there is much work yet to be done and the opportunities still exceed funding capacity, but significant progress has been made as reflected in the results of the KALHD KIPHS 2002 Assessment Report. I believe the KIPHS Kansas Project governance structure and the working relationships established this past year between KALHD, KDHE, and KIPHS provide a firm foundation for the development of a "world class" state wide public health infrastructure at the community level supporting public health clinic services and environmental health activities, as well as broader population based activities such as disease surveillance and case management.

Our partnerships with leading health departments outside of Kansas, participation in the development of the next generation public health laboratory information system through the Association of Public Health Laboratories and the Public Health Informatics Institute, as well as direct participation in national activities such as Turning Point and All Kids Count provide us with a rich source of ideas and support for the work here in Kansas.

Immunization Billing Options Information Workshop

The second "Immunization Billing Options Information Workshop" was held in Topeka on August 6, 2003.



There were 46 in attendance, representing 23 counties. The presenters for the workshop

were Sue Bowden, Director of KDHE Immunization Program, Dennis Kreisel, KALHD, Brenda Kuder, SRS/Medicaid, Bill Arneson, KIPHS, Rusty Doty, BCBS/Clearinghouses, and Don Brown, State Insurance Commissioners Office. The first workshop was held in Hays with 100 in attendance, 53 counties represented. Debbie Whitner, ARNP, Public Health Nurse Specialist from KDHE, OLRH, was responsible for planning and collaborating with speakers to make these workshops available to local health department administrators and staff. Many questions were answered for local health departments concerning billing issues and immunizations.



DIRECTOR – Clay County, MO Public Health Center



The Clay County Public Health Center Board of Trustees is seeking applications for Director of the Clay County Public Health Center, Liberty, MO. The person in this Chief Executive Officer position will be responsible for administration, management, and strategic planning for the Public Health Center, and will report to the five (5) member Board of Trustees.

Clay County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri. The administrator would be responsible for 66 employees and a 2003 budget of \$4.57 million. Public Health Center departments include Health Promotions, W.I.C., Nursing Services, Primary Care, Dental Services, Environmental Health, and Speech and Hearing. In addition, The Public Health Center provides a wide array of programs to Clay County.

Requirements – Bachelors' or Masters' degree in public health or a related field, with 5-7 years professional experience in public health or a related field. Must become a resident of Clay County, Missouri within six (6) months of accepting the position. Doctorate in public health administration preferred.

Send resumes to Darrell Godfrey, The Strand Group, 501 N. Clayview Drive, Liberty, MO, 64068. Voice 816-407-1153, E-mail – dgodfrey@thestrandgroup.com. Darrell will contact applicants if a position application is to be completed. Salary: \$75,000 to \$85,000. Excellent benefit package. EOE.

Universal Hepatitis B Birth Dose Policy



The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program recently agreed to support requests from grantees for four doses of hepatitis B vaccine for routine vaccination of infants. VFC based its decision on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' preference for giving all infants the birth dose of hepatitis B vaccine before hospital discharge and on reports of numerous errors in perinatal hepatitis B prevention. For information about the birth dose, visit <http://www.immunize.org/birthdose>. If you have any questions about the hepatitis B birth dose policy in your state, contact Tasneem Malil at (404) 639-4213 or a VFC Consultant at (404) 639-8222.

Spanish Health Care Hotline



The National Alliance for Hispanic Health has launched a national, toll-free Spanish-English hotline called the National Hispanic Family Helpline. The hotline refers callers to clinics and public health programs, as well as providing information on

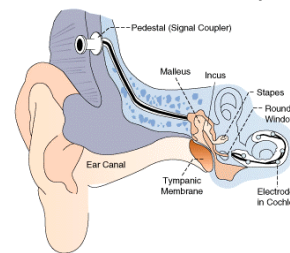
numerous health care topics. The hotline number is (866) 783-2645 and is open from 9A.M. to 6 P.M. Eastern, Monday through Friday.

Source: Immunization Newsbriefs ~ August 1, 2003

Cochlear Implants Linked to Meningitis Risk

Washington Times (07/31/03) P. A10
Source: Immunization Newsbriefs ~ August 1, 2003

According to a study in the New England Journal of Medicine by the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, children with cochlear implants, used to alleviate



severe hearing loss, have a small risk of bacterial meningitis. Parents of these children

should make sure they are vaccinated and should watch for symptoms of the disease. There are almost 10,000 U.S. children with the implants, and they are about 16 times more likely than usual to get the disease, though roughly half the increased risk seems to be due to a single implant model that went off the market a year ago. The Food and Drug Administration reported 52 cases of meningitis after implants last year, including five deaths. For the complete article click on

<http://www.washtimes.com/national/20030730-115322-2786r.htm>

Note: You may find the following related links of interest:

CDC's July 31, 2003 press release, "Children with Cochlear Implants at Increased Risk for Bacterial Meningitis"

<http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrel/r030730.htm>

CDC's "Pneumococcal Vaccination for Cochlear Implant Candidates and Recipients: Updated Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices"

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/m2e731a1.htm#tab>

Victory!
CMS Determines Cochlear Implant Codes
to be Diagnostic

ASHA Headlines ~ July 30, 2003



Effective July 1, 2003, private practice audiologists can directly bill and receive Medicare reimbursement for cochlear implant analysis and reprogramming (CPT codes 92601, 92602, 92603 and 92604). As part of an update to the 2003 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (Program Memorandum AB-03-07, Page 5), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) confirmed that the new CPT codes are diagnostic in nature and therefore billable by independent audiologists. The memorandum can be viewed on the CMS Web site at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/pm_trans/AB03070.pdf. Audiologists can now perform diagnostic analysis of cochlear implants and subsequent reprogramming in private practice. Also, in medical centers, no physician supervision is required.

ASHA worked with CMS to reverse the agency's position that the new codes were rehabilitative and therefore not billable for Medicare purposes by audiologists in private practice. For additional information on this issue, please contact Ingrida Lusis, ASHA's Director of Health Care Regulatory Advocacy, via e-mail at ilusis@asha.org or by phone at 800-498-2071, ext. 4482; or Mark Kander, ASHA's Director of Health Care Regulatory Analysis, via e-mail at mkander@asha.org or by phone at ext. 4139.

Emergency Response Planning CD-ROM



NACCHO, in conjunction with Scientific Technologies Corporation (STC), is pleased to offer ***BT PREP: A Bioterrorism Response Plan for Local***

Public Health Systems. This adaptable design guide provides an introduction to planning a public health emergency response. The CD-ROM includes templates, checklists, and planning pointers to assist local public health agencies in creating a thorough bioterrorism and emergency response plan, as well as the capacity to plan responses for a variety of public health threats and emergencies. ***BT PREP*** is available on NACCHO's Web site at



<http://www.naccho.org/cat6.cfm>. To order, please e-mail info@naccho.org.

Directory of Drug and Alcohol Abuse
Treatment Programs

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)'s updated guide to finding local substance abuse treatment programs is now available. The guide, *National Directory of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Treatment Programs 2003*, provides information on thousands of alcohol and drug treatment programs located in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and four U.S. territories. To obtain a free guide, call (800) 729-6686 or go to <http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/facilitylocator/doc.htm>

CONFERENCES/TRAINING

Public Health Law
Public Health Grand Rounds

September 5, 2003
 9:00am - 3:30 pm

Presented live at Wichita and ITV at Hays, Garden City, Salina, Wichita, Topeka, Pittsburgh, and Kansas City.

Jason Sapsin, JD, joined the faculty of the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in October 2001. He is a member of the



Center for Law and the Public's Health at Johns Hopkins and Georgetown Universities. With other Center faculty he is a co-author of the Model State Emergency Health Powers Act and currently is most active in the area of public health preparedness and

bioterrorism, developing a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention legal training module for emergency public health response. Mr. Sapsin is an author of publications dealing with the Model State Emergency Health Powers Act, public health law and emergency response and litigation as a public health tool. He has a special interest in the epidemiology of infectious disease. He has presented for the Johns Hopkins' Center for Civilian Biodefense Studies, the American Bar Association, regional Public Health Leadership Institutes and the

CDC. He received his B.A. from Williams College in 1991 and graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1994. Prior to joining Hopkins he practiced international litigation and health legislative policy at a Washington, D.C. law firm, served as a corporate vice president and general counsel and engaged in trial, appellate and administrative practice.

For more information and registration, See the following site:

<http://www.waldcenter.org/upcoming.html>

Oktoberfest: An Exercise in Terror!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE UPCOMING BIOTERRORISM EXERCISE WORKSHOP!

Great strides have been taken over the past year in organizing and preparing for a multi-discipline response to a biological threat or attack. Many organizations and systems are beginning to align preparedness efforts to find the most effective means for sharing resources and expertise in the event of a major health emergency. Requests for more local and regional focused activities have been documented and are becoming the guide for developing future planning, training and exercise initiatives throughout the state.

During FY 2002, six (6) hospital planning regions were established and charged with developing regional plans that would identify and establish coordination protocols for critical assets during a medical response to a biological event. The planning process was also recognized as a way to identify priorities for implementing improvements. Elements of this planning process fell into four main categories: 1) Regional administrative policies and procedures, 2) Procedures and protocols for patient transfer amongst facilities, 3) Procedures and protocols for sharing physical and human resources, and 4) Reference charts for use by all hospitals in each of the regions.

These regional hospital plans were developed as an adjunct to individual hospital plans and were expected to remain in sync with other local planning efforts. Because many of the current capabilities and resources rely heavily on other response partners, enhancing partnerships at the local and regional level remained an essential part of this on-going planning process.

Realizing that response protocols are still under development for an efficient response to a biological threat or attack, it was recognized that a statewide review of plans would benefit hospitals as well as other response players. Continuing the cycle of assessing bioterrorism response plans,

regional exercises are being organized to gauge strengths and identify priorities for system improvements. Focused primarily on the regional hospital planning process, these exercises are being designed to include various response partners and their respective plans.

As an assessment for the first draft of regional hospital plans submitted in August 2003, a facilitated tabletop exercise will be conducted to explore the existing resources and the medical response infrastructure identified through the planning process, as well as identify priority areas for future planning and training initiatives.



The exercise will provide an opportunity to orient various response partners to the regional planning concept and examine the interface of resources and level of capabilities for a major health emergency.

There will be six (6) exercises conducted across the state during the month of October, one in each hospital planning region (*see map*). The scenarios selected for these exercises will be designed specifically for each region and will draw on distinct capabilities and protocols established within the region.

Unlike typical response exercises, this exercise process will involve a facilitated discussion around specific issues and processes that might be encountered as simulated events unfold. Participants will remain focused on current plans and response protocols and where responsibilities and authorities belong. The process will allow participants to formulate a regional approach for managing the exercise events and to describe specific response needs that reflect their own perspectives. Participants will be expected to highlight shortfalls in capabilities and identify corrective action strategies.

Each county within the region will be represented by a table consisting of local officials that will work together as a team to discuss the interface issues necessary to carryout an effective response. Teams of local officials from each county are encouraged to participate. Composition of each county team will be defined by the availability of medical resources in that county and the

bioterrorism response planning process that has taken place over the past several months. Each team will be allowed a maximum of eight members. *Counties with more than one hospital will be allowed space for two teams.* Counties that have no hospital will be allowed to vary the exercise team membership to reflect how medical services will be provided in the event of a major medical emergency. Exercise observers will be accepted on a limited basis due to space limitations.

A flyer for Oktoberfest: An Exercise in Terror! is included with this copy of connections (Page 10).

Fluoride Varnish Training

KDHE Bureau for Children, Youth & Families and AHEC are sponsoring the Fluoride Varnish Training on October 3rd from 9am-12pm at one of the following locations:

Garden City – 1501 Fulton Terrace, Suite 1

Hays – 217 E. 32nd

Pittsburg – 1102 E. Centennial

Topeka – 900 SW Jackson, Room 855

Wichita – 1010 N. Kansas, Room 1310

Cost: \$35.00 if postmarked by September 26th or \$45.00 if after. Registration deadline September 30th.

Qualified health professionals will learn oral health risk assessment methods, anticipatory guidance, and early intervention techniques including fluoride varnish application. Information will be given concerning the infectious and transmissible nature of the bacteria that causes Early Childhood Caries. There will be discussion relating to fluoride varnishes' ability to retard the decay process. Participants will be confident in their ability to adequately screen and refer oral abnormalities. Registration form made found on page 11. Contact Mary Beth Warren at (620) 235-4040 or mwarren@mail.pittstate.edu.

2003-04 Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute

The Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute (KPHLI) provides an opportunity for participants to develop their leadership knowledge, skills and competencies in order to strengthen organizational effectiveness and positively impact the public health system in Kansas. The vision of the KPHLI is to improve leadership competencies of the public health workforce so as to improve the public health infrastructure in Kansas in the 21st century. The KPHLI seeks 25 scholars from all geographical



areas of the state who represent the diversity of issues, community concerns and population, which are integral to achieving public health goals. Leaders from local public health departments, the state health department, or private public health educators or researchers are encouraged to apply. The Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute is a 12-month program. The scholars in the program represent an investment by the scholars themselves and their organizations. The program is an opportunity to not only improve the knowledge and leadership skills of individuals, but also their organizations. Scholars are expected to participate in all regularly scheduled meetings and activities for the full scheduled time. In addition, scholars are expected to be involved in distance learning activities (via Web or teleconference) between classroom sessions. For additional information and admission materials please contact Dulcie Chance, EdM, Kansas Public Health WALD Center, 1010 N. Kansas, Wichita, KS 67214, phone 316-293-2606 or e-mail dchance@kumc.edu. ** Admission materials must be mailed by September 15, 2003, to be considered for acceptance into the first Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute class. The 2003-04 scholar class will be announced at the annual Kansas Public Health Conference, September 24, in Overland Park, KS.



Medical Interpreter Training Scheduled for Fall



Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Office of Local and Rural Health, will sponsor six medical interpreter-training sessions this coming year. Funding has been provided for these training sessions through the Heartland Centers for Public Health Workforce Development, Saint Louis University, School of Public Health, and the KDHE/CDC Bioterrorism Grant Training Fund. The training sessions are listed below:

SE KANSAS

Pittsburg Municipal Auditorium
503 N. Pine
Pittsburg, KS
October 16, 17, 22, 23 & 24 from 8:00am-5:00pm

NE KANSAS

Lawrence Memorial Hospital
325 Maine, Room "D"
Lawrence, KS 66044
November 5, 6, 7, 13 & 14 from 8:00am-5:00pm

NC KANSAS

Catholic Charities
425 W. Iron, Board Room
Salina, KS
December 8, 9, 15, 16 & 17 from 8:00am-5:00pm

NW KANSAS

Fort Hays State University
Memorial Union, Trails Room
College Drive
Hays, KS 67601
March 22-26, 2004 from 8:00am-5:00pm

SC KANSAS

University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita
1010 N. Kansas, Santa Fe Room
Wichita, KS 67214
July 15-16 & 21-23, 2004 from 8:00am-5:00pm

SW KANSAS

Western Plains Medical Complex
Classroom located at the Annex Building (across from the hospital)
108 Ross Blvd.
Dodge City, KS 67801
May 10-14, 2004 from 8:00am-5:00pm

For more information/or registration please contact Elizabeth Kizzie at Jewish Vocational Service, 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 142, e-mail address ekizzie@jvskc.org.

GENERAL WORKSHOPS

Continuing Education of interest to PH Workforce is listed by the Kansas State Board of Nursing at: <http://www.ksbn.org>.

Kansas Area Health Education Center

Health Outreach Program

Look for the AHEC trainings at: <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us> then go to "Additional PH Training Calendar"
NW KS AHEC - Register at: 785-628-6128.
SW KS AHEC - Register at: 620-275-0259
SE KS AHEC - Register at: 620-235-4040

Kansas Division of Emergency Management:
<http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/trainingnew.htm>



Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks/Webcasts

See PHTN website at www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn to view a

complete list and register for training and programs. Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator at (785) 625-5663 if you need assistance.

To Order Tapes/CD's:

Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore:
<http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

CDC BT programs:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

Nursing Education

Ft. Hays Nursing: <http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing>

KU Nursing: KU has an on-line RN to BSN completion program:
http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn_to_bsn.htm

Washburn PHN Certification Program- e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at: zzdnwl@washburn.edu

ANA's web site: <http://www.RNCE.org>

Other Continuing Education Online

The WALD CENTER: <http://www.waldcenter.org>
The Public Health Training Network:
<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp>

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars:
<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us>. Click on the calendar you wish to view.

Training Finder: Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings
<http://www.trainingfinder.org>.

The MMWR Continuing Education Program:
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>

MPH Kansas: <http://mph.kumc.edu>.

National Library of Medicine –
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>.

CDC BT Training –
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center: <http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare>

Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness: <http://slu.edu/centers/heartland>

Centers for Public Health Preparedness:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp>
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Public Health Training Centers:

<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp>

Public Health Workforce Competencies**Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers:**

<http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institute-centers/chphsr/btcomps.html>

Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice.

<http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm>

**Local Health Section
Office of Local & Rural Health**

<p>Shirley Orr Director, Local Health 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 340 Topeka, KS 66612-1365 Office phone – 785-296-7100 Cell phone – 316-250-6940 Fax number 785-296-1231 E-mail address – sorr@kdhe.state.ks.us</p>	<p>Terri Ploger-McCool Bioterrorism Training Coordinator 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 340 Topeka, KS 66612-1365 Office phone – 785-291-3796 Fax number 785-296-1231 E-mail address – tplogerm@kdhe.state.ks.us</p>
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SAVE THIS DATE



OKTOBERFEST: AN EXERCISE IN TERROR!

An exercise workshop designed to further define a regional response for managing a major health emergency.

Regional hospital plans have been developed that identify critical resources and coordination protocols during a medical response to a terrorism event. This workshop will allow participants the opportunity to review this plan and demonstrate how other local response plans will be integrated across the region.

- Oct 6-7, 2003 Salina Holiday Inn Holidome
- Oct 8-9, 2003 Topeka Maner Conference Ctr
- Oct 13-14, 2003 Hays Golden Ox Pavillion
- Oct 15-16, 2003 Garden City Plaza Inn
- Oct 27-28, 2003 Wichita Holiday Inn Select
- Oct 29-30, 2003 Parsons Municipal Auditorium

Recruiting teams to represent your county: (team membership not to exceed 8 members. Counties with more than one hospital will be allowed two teams)

Recommended team membership include:

(3) Hospital representatives

(2) Public Health officials

(1) Emergency Medical Services representative

(1) Emergency Management official

(1) Law Enforcement official

Conducted in conjunction with the Office of Domestic Preparedness

Registration information will be distributed to potential participants in a separate mailing.

For more information contact:

Kansas Department of Health & Environment

Susan Morris

samorris@kdhe.state.ks.us

Terri Ploger-McCool

tplogerm@kdhe.state.ks.us

Fluoride Varnish Training

Friday, October 3, 2003
9 am to 12 pm



Speakers: **Dawn McGlasson, RDH, BSDH**, Oral Health Consultant,
Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment
Paul Kittle, DDS, Private Practice, Pediatric Dentistry,
Leavenworth, Kansas
Tricia Peck, MSN, ARNP, Neodesha, Kansas

ITV locations: **Pittsburg:** Mt. Carmel Regional Medical Center, 1102 E. Centennial
Topeka: Landon State Office Bldg., 900 SW Jackson, Room 855
Hays: KUMC Northwest AHEC, 217 E. 32nd
Wichita: KU School of Medicine, 1010 N. Kansas, Room #1310
Garden City: KUMC Southwest AHEC, 1501 Fulton Terrace, Ste. 1

Fees: **\$35.00** if postmarked **on or before** September 26, 2003
\$45.00 if postmarked **after** September 26, 2003.

Class size: Maximum of **20** per site

Course Description: Qualified health professionals will learn oral health risk assessment methods, anticipatory guidance, and early intervention techniques including fluoride varnish application. Information will be given concerning the infectious and transmissible nature of the bacteria that causes Early Childhood Caries. There will be discussion relating to fluoride varnishes' ability to retard the decay process. Participants will be confident in their ability to adequately screen and refer oral abnormalities.

Objectives:

1. Describe the uses of fluoride varnish.
2. Learn how to apply fluoride varnish.
3. Give the child and caregiver post-operative instructions.
4. Understand the relationship between oral health and general health.
5. Recognize that dental caries is an infectious, transmissible disease.

Nursing Continuing Education Credit: The University of Kansas Area Health Education Centers, Northwest Region (KSBN Provider Number LT0086-1149); Rural Eastern Kansas (KSBN Provider Number LT0056-0749); and Southwest Region (KSBN Provider #LT0198-0794) as approved providers of continuing education by the Kansas State Board of Nursing, presents this offering for 3 contact hours credit applicable for relicensure of RNs and LPNs.

Cancellation Policy: A registrant may cancel no later than September 30, 2003, to receive a refund, minus a \$10.00 administrative fee. After that, no refunds will be made. The registration fee will not be transferred to future offerings. Refunds are made by mail. KU Medical Center AHEC reserves the right to cancel this program and return all fees in the event of insufficient registration. KUMC AHEC will not be responsible for any losses incurred by registrants, including but not limited to airline cancellation charge or hotel deposits.

Registration deadline is September 30!

Sponsored by University of Kansas Medical Center's Area Health Education Centers located in Pittsburg, Garden City and Hays and KDHE Bureau for Children, Youth & Families
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Fluoride Varnish Training

REGISTRATION FORM

Friday, October 3, 2003
9 am to 12 pm



Name _____

Health Department *(if applicable)* _____

Professional Title _____ License No. _____

SS# _____ *(for office use only)*

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Registration deadline is September 30!

Payment and mailing information below. Please check location attending:

- ☐ **Pittsburg:** Make check payable and mail registration to: REK AHEC,
PO Box 296, Pittsburg, KS 66762 (620)235-4040
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Check enclosed for \$ _____

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 Notice: _____ If you will need special accommodations, please mark the space provided and return to the Area Health Education Center at least two weeks prior to the program date. You will be personally contacted by a member of the continuing education staff.